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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NSA/PO56/A42

ATTENTION:

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for ICBM Activity Around Saransk, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement NSA/PO56/R-35/63
(b) CIA/PID Project C 607-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 30 April 1963 requesting a search of the Saransk area for possible ICBM activity.

2. A search of available [] photography has been made in an effort to locate an ICBM complex or associated construction activity. The search encompassed an area extending in a 100 nm radius from both Saransk and Kovylnino. The lack of recent cloud-free photography hampered the search with the result that no ICBM activity could be identified. Photography over the area from [] was cloud covered. Photography [] was primarily utilized to obtain complete coverage of the area on usable, cloud-free photography. Earlier coverage was also checked with negative results.

3. An unidentified construction project, noted on photography as early as [] is located near Chasnyyok, 70 nm south-southeast of Saransk.

4. The photo analyst on this project is [] and he may be contacted on extension [] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

5. This project is considered to be complete.

Declass Review by NGA.

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